

REMARKS

The Applicant has filed the present Response in reply to the outstanding Official Action of May 6, 2004. The Applicant believes the Response to be fully responsive to the Official Action for reasons set forth below in greater detail.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 20-24 are allowed and that Claims 5-10, 12 and 15 have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the claims have been amended herewith as suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, Claims 5 and 6 have been amended incorporating the subject matter of rejected based Claim 2. Additionally, Claim 15 has been amended incorporating the subject matter of rejected base Claim 14. No new matter has been added by the aforementioned amendments.


Additionally, Claims 1-4, 11, 13-14, 16-19 have been cancelled herewith without any prejudice to their being reintroduced in this or any related application.

In conclusion, based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance and henceforth respectfully solicits the Examiner to allow the application. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference might expedite the allowance of this

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application, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned,
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Respectfully submitted,


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